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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No.: MBHB00-830-A; 600/005)

In re the Application of:

Vargeese et al.

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For: **METHOD FOR THE CHEMICAL
SYNTHESIS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES**

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) **Group Art Unit: 1623**
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) **Examiner: Josephine Young**
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) **Confirmation No.: 8596**

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED SEPTEMBER 24, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Mailed September 24, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the patent application identified above in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Listing of the Claims reflecting claim amendments begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.